



PATENT APPLICATION

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For: ALLOYED STEEL POWDER WITH IMPROVED DEGREE OF SINTERING

FOR METAL INJECTION MOLDING AND SINTERED BODY

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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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